

**ALDEN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2008

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ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Board of Education

(Before September, 2007 Election)

Brian Lauterbach	President	2008
Kyle Janes	Vice President	2008
John Wibholm		2007
Robert Ites		2009
Loren Larson		2009

(After September, 2007 Election)

Kyle Janes	President	2008
John Wibholm	Vice President	2011
Brian Lauterbach		2008
Robert Ites		2009
Loren Larson		2009

School Officials

Dr. John Robbins	Superintendent
Vicki Porter	District Secretary/ Treasurer

BRUCE D. FRINK

Certified Public Accountant

Independent Auditor's Report

Member:

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants

Services:

- Individual & Corporate Tax Preparation, Partnerships, Estate & Trust
- Year Round Tax Planning
- Electronic Filing
- Payroll & Sales Tax Preparation
- I.R.S. Representation
- Monthly/Quarterly Write-Up
- Data Processing Services
- Payroll Preparation
- Computerized Financial Statements
- Business/Personal Financial Planning
- Bank Loan Assistance
- Section 105 Medical Plan Administration

Plus:

- Over 30 years of Expertise and Experience
- Evenings & Saturdays Available by Appointment
- Extended Hours During Tax Season

To the Board of Education of
Alden Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alden Community School District, Alden, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of District officials. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

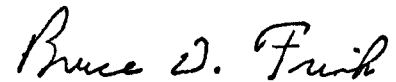
We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alden Community School District at June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 18, 2009 on our consideration of Alden Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 12 and 30 through 31 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Alden Community School District's basic financial statements. We previously audited in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the three years ended June 30, 2007 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 5, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce D. Frink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

February 18, 2009

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Alden Community School District provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow.

2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund revenues increased from \$2,882,967 in fiscal 2007 to \$2,969,566 in fiscal 2008, while General Fund expenditures increased from \$2,778,061 in fiscal 2007 to \$3,232,104 in fiscal 2008. The District's General Fund balance decreased from \$1,112,401 in fiscal 2007 to \$849,863 in fiscal 2008.
- The increase in revenue was primarily in tuition and state sources.
- The General Fund balance decreased for two primary reasons. One, the District kept tax increases down and used existing balances to absorb normal increases in operating expenses. Two, timing of expenses from the prior fiscal year caused a larger increase in the current fiscal year costs than normal.
- The District's solvency ratio was 29% at the end of fiscal 2008. The solvency ratio is indicative of the District's ability to meet its financial obligations. This is an decrease of 5% from the prior year, however, still well above the state recommended rate of 5%.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Alden Community School District as a whole and present an overall view of the District's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Alden Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which Alden Community School District acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of the District.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental funds.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1
Alden Community School District Annual Financial Report

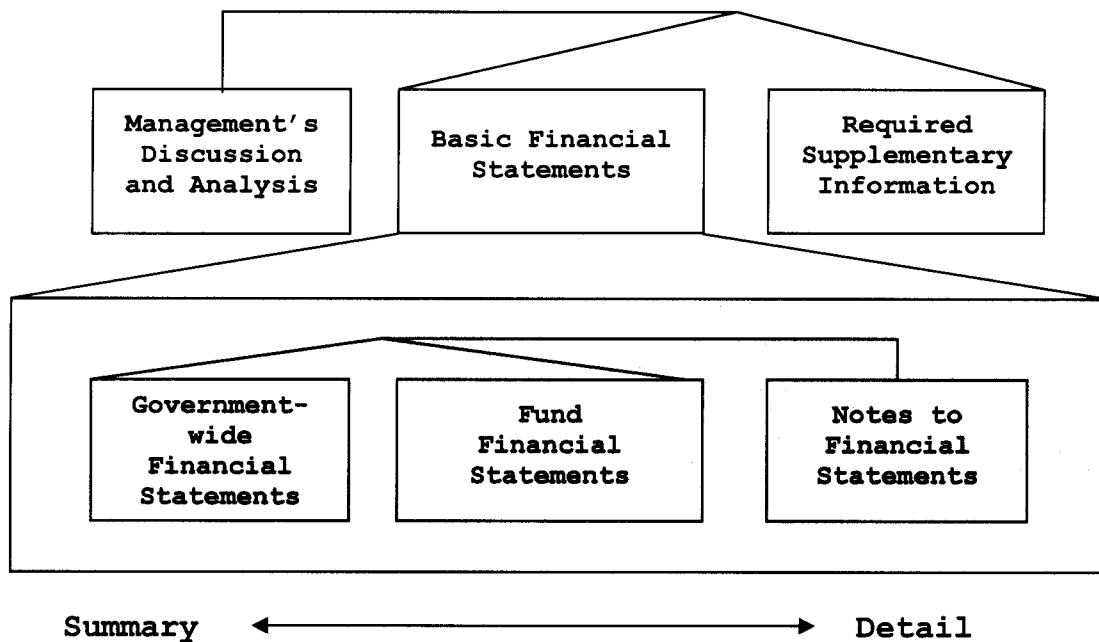


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Figure A-2
Major Features of the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Activities the District operates similar to private businesses; food services and adult education	Instances in which the district administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets • Statement of cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net assets • Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/ liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long- term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets - the difference between the District's assets and liabilities - are one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities, need to be considered.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property tax and state aid finance most of these activities.
- **Business type activities:** The District charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's school nutrition program is included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for student activity funds, or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as federal grants.

The District has three kinds of funds:

- 1) **Governmental funds:** Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District's governmental funds include the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Debt Service Fund.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.

- 2) **Proprietary funds:** Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the government-wide financial statements. The District's Enterprise Funds, one type of proprietary fund, are the same as its business type activities but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The District currently has one Enterprise Fund, the School Nutrition Fund.

The required financial statement for proprietary funds includes a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net asset and a statement of cash flows.

3) *Fiduciary funds*: The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others. These funds include Private-Purpose Trusts.

- Private-Purpose Trust Fund - The District accounts for outside donations for scholarships for individual students in this fund.

The District is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in the fiduciary funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Figure A-3 below provides a summary of the District's net assets for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to June 30, 2007.

Figure A-3 Condensed Statement of Net Assets (Expressed in Thousands)							
	Governmental Activities		Business type Activities		Total District		Total Change
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007-08
Current assets	2,239	2,565	8	7	2,247	2,572	-12.64%
Capital assets	1,295	1,158	-	-	1,295	1,158	11.83%
Total assets	3,534	3,723	8	7	3,542	3,730	-5.04%
Current liabilities	1,234	1,230	-	-	1,234	1,230	0.33%
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Total liabilities	1,234	1,230	-	-	1,234	1,230	0.33%
Net Assets							
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,295	1,158	-	-	1,295	1,158	11.83%
Restricted	49	120	-	-	49	120	-59.17%
Unrestricted	956	1,215	8	7	964	1,222	-21.11%
Total net assets	2,300	2,493	8	7	2,308	2,500	-7.68%

Total net assets decreased 8% due primarily due to a General Fund decrease. This was primarily a deliberate attempt to lower the District's solvency ratio in order to come more in line with the state recommendations.

Figure A-4 shows the changes in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the year ended June 30, 2007.

Figure A-4							
Changes in Net Assets							
(Expressed in Thousands)							
Governmental Activities		Business type Activities		Total School District		Total Change	
2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007-08	
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Charges for service and sales	\$ 620	444	55	52	675	496	36.09%
Operating grants, contributions and interest	390	324	49	45	439	369	18.97%
General revenues:							
Property tax	1,098	1,337	-	-	1,098	1,337	-17.88%
Income surtax	108	91	-	-	108	91	18.68%
Local option sales tax	171	147	-	-	171	147	16.33%
Unrestricted state grants	907	745	-	-	907	745	21.74%
Unrestricted investment earnings	30	40	-	-	30	40	-25.00%
Other	14	43	-	-	14	43	-67.44%
Total revenues	3,338	3,171	104	97	3,442	3,268	5.32%
Program expenses:							
Governmental activities:							
Instruction	2,472	2,066	-	-	2,472	2,066	19.65%
Support Services	848	758	-	-	848	758	11.87%
Non-instructional programs	-	-	103	91	103	91	13.19%
Other expenses	211	330	-	-	211	330	-36.06%
Total expenses	3,531	3,154	103	91	3,634	3,245	11.99%
Change in net assets	\$ (193)	17	1	6	(192)	23	-934.78%

Property tax and unrestricted state grants account for 58% of the total revenue. The District's expenses primarily related to instruction and support services, which account for 91% of the total expenses.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities were \$3,338,782 and expenses were \$3,531,298.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the District's major governmental activities, instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenses, for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the year ended June 30, 2007.

Figure A-5						
Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities						
(Expressed in Thousands)						
	Total Cost of Services			Net Cost of Services		
	2008	2007	Change 2007-08	2008	2007	Change 2007-08
Instruction	\$ 2,472	1,674	47.67%	1,590	1,053	51.00%
Support Services	848	661	28.29%	841	652	28.99%
Non-instructional programs	-	5	-100.00%	-	5	-100.00%
Other expenses	211	212	-0.47%	91	103	-11.65%
Totals	<u>\$ 3,531</u>	<u>2,552</u>	<u>38.36%</u>	<u>2,522</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>39.11%</u>

- The cost financed by users of the District's programs was \$619,861.
- Federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$227,954.
- The net cost of governmental activities was financed with \$1,098,272 in property tax, \$907,619 in state foundation aid, and \$30,526 in interest income.

Proprietary-Type Funds

Revenues for the District's School Nutrition Fund were \$103,766 and expenses were \$102,578. The revenues include charges for services, contributions, and federal and state reimbursements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The Alden Community School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the fiscal year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$849,863, which is 24% less than last year's ending fund balance of \$1,112,401.

Governmental Fund Highlights

- The District held the line on property tax increases.
- The District continues a two-way sharing agreement with Iowa Falls. Significant cost savings have occurred as a result.
- The District collected over \$171,000 in local option sales taxes from Hardin and Franklin Counties. This money is being used for infrastructure projects.

Proprietary Fund Highlights

School Nutrition Fund net assets increased over \$1,000 in fiscal year 2008.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds. Although the budget document presents functional area expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not at the fund or fund type level. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The District has invested more than \$1.3 million, net of accumulated depreciation, by the end of fiscal year 2008 in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, athletic facilities, kitchen, computers and audio-visual equipment, maintenance equipment, school buses and other vehicles, library holdings, and textbooks. The District made improvements and updated equipment at all three facilities during the year. Total depreciation expenses for the year exceeded \$101,000.

Figure A-6
Condensed Statement of Net Assets
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total District		Total Change
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007-08
Land	1	1	-	-	1	1	0.00%
Land improvements	85	92	-	-	85	92	-7.61%
Buildings	997	902	-	-	997	902	10.53%
Furniture and equipment	212	163	-	29	212	192	10.42%
Totals	<u>1,295</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1,295</u>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>9.10%</u>

Long Term Debt

The District has no long-term debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- To offset the impact of declining enrollment, the State has provided a budget guarantee provision for districts. This budget guarantee provision is being phased out over a 10-year period. The District was on budget guarantee for fiscal year 2008 and will continue to be on budget guarantee for several years to come. Due to previous and continued declining enrollment, the amount of this reduction due to the phase out of the budget guarantee will likely grow over the next several years.
- Alternative sources must be found due to funding inconsistencies on the parts of the federal and state governments.
- The District has entered into a whole grade sharing agreement with the Iowa Falls Community School District for Grades 6-12. This should allow the District to maintain its own K-5 program into the foreseeable future.

- The District will continue to be required to comply with unfunded and under funded mandates from the federal and state governments such as the Federal No Child Left Behind Act and the state Student Achievement and Teacher Quality Initiative. This will require the District to find ways to provide services in the areas of assessment and professional development, which will divert funds from other student service areas.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Vicki Porter, District Business Manager, Alden Community School District, 209 Center Street, Alden, IA 50006.

Basic Financial Statements

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities School Nutrition	Total
Assets			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 780,733	8,065	788,798
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Current year	14,617	-	14,617
Succeeding year	1,221,148	-	1,221,148
Income surtax - succeeding year	87,764	-	87,764
Due from other governments	39,929	-	39,929
Other receivables	94,801	-	94,801
Inventories	-	324	324
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,295,285	-	1,295,285
Total assets	<u>3,534,277</u>	<u>8,389</u>	<u>3,542,666</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	13,282	-	13,282
Deferred revenue:			
Succeeding year property tax	1,221,148	-	1,221,148
Total liabilities	<u>1,234,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,234,430</u>
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,295,285	-	1,295,285
Restricted for:			
Management levy	13,621	-	13,621
Physical plant and equipment levy	4,795	-	4,795
Capital projects	29,758	-	29,758
Unrestricted	956,388	8,389	964,777
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,299,847</u>	<u>8,389</u>	<u>2,308,236</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest					
	Charges for Service			Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Expenses						

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
	Operating Grants, Contributions			
	Charges for	and Restricted	Governmental	Business Type
Expenses	Service	Interest	Activities	Activities
				Total
Business type activities:				
Non-instructional programs:				
Nutrition services	102,578	55,215	48,551	1,188
			-	1,188
Total	\$ 3,633,876	675,176	438,157	(2,521,731)
				(2,520,543)
General revenues:				
Property tax levied for:				
General purposes			\$ 964,885	-
Management			39,014	-
Capital outlay			94,373	-
Income surtax			107,760	-
Local option sales taxes			171,709	-
Unrestricted state grants			907,619	-
Unrestricted investment earnings			30,526	-
Other			13,329	-
				13,329
Total general revenues			2,329,215	-
				2,329,215
Change in net assets			(192,516)	1,188
				(191,328)
Net assets beginning of year			2,492,363	7,201
				2,499,564
Net assets end of year			\$ 2,299,847	8,389
				2,308,236

* This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds

June 30, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Physical Plant and Equipment Levy</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 731,198	3,540	14,145	31,850	780,733
Receivables:					
Property tax:					
Current year	12,830	1,255	-	532	14,617
Succeeding year	1,086,781	94,367	-	40,000	1,221,148
Income surtax - succeeding year	87,764	-	-	-	87,764
Due from other governments	24,316	-	15,613	-	39,929
Other receivables	94,801	-	-	-	94,801
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,037,690</u>	<u>99,162</u>	<u>29,758</u>	<u>72,382</u>	<u>2,238,992</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 13,282	-	-	-	13,282
Deferred revenue:					
Succeeding year property tax	1,086,781	94,367	-	40,000	1,221,148
Succeeding year income surtax	87,764	-	-	-	87,764
Total liabilities	<u>1,187,827</u>	<u>94,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>1,322,194</u>
Fund balances:					
Reserved for capital projects	-	-	29,758	-	29,758
Unreserved	849,863	4,795	-	32,382	887,040
Total fund balance	<u>849,863</u>	<u>4,795</u>	<u>29,758</u>	<u>32,382</u>	<u>916,798</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,037,690</u>	<u>99,162</u>	<u>29,758</u>	<u>72,382</u>	<u>2,238,992</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C)	\$ 916,798
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Income surtax receivable at June 30, 2008 is not recognized as income until received in the governmental funds, however it is shown as a receivable in the Statement of Net Assets.	87,764
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	<u>1,295,285</u>
Net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit A)	<u><u>\$ 2,299,847</u></u>

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Fund Types

Year ended June 30, 2008

	General	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Special Revenue	Total
Revenues:					
Local sources:					
Local tax	\$ 1,071,370	94,373	171,709	39,014	1,376,466
Tuition	619,961	-	-	-	619,961
Other	48,144	2,123	-	35,706	85,973
State sources	1,143,318	11	-	5	1,143,334
Federal sources	86,773	-	25,000	-	111,773
Total revenues	<u>2,969,566</u>	<u>96,507</u>	<u>196,709</u>	<u>74,725</u>	<u>3,337,507</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:	<u>2,445,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>2,472,380</u>
Support services:					
Student services	35,580	-	-	5,564	41,144
Instructional staff services	60,249	-	12,723	-	72,972
Administration services	294,043	-	-	2,425	296,468
Operation and maintenance of plant services	202,831	-	-	68,437	271,268
Transportation services	<u>99,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,347</u>
	<u>692,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,562</u>	<u>76,426</u>	<u>855,199</u>
Other expenditures:					
AEA flowthrough	94,518	-	-	-	94,518
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>-</u>	<u>95,268</u>	<u>150,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,058</u>
	<u>94,518</u>	<u>95,268</u>	<u>150,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,576</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,232,104</u>	<u>95,268</u>	<u>237,352</u>	<u>103,431</u>	<u>3,668,155</u>
Net change in fund balances	(262,538)	1,239	(40,643)	(28,706)	(330,648)
Fund balances beginning of year	<u>1,112,401</u>	<u>3,556</u>	<u>70,401</u>	<u>61,088</u>	<u>1,247,446</u>
Fund balances end of year	<u>\$ 849,863</u>	<u>4,795</u>	<u>29,758</u>	<u>32,382</u>	<u>916,798</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit E) \$ (330,648)

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of
activities are different because:**

Income surtaxes not collected for several months after the District's
fiscal year ends are not considered "available" revenues in the
governmental funds and are included as deferred revenues. They are,
however, recorded as revenues in the statement of activities

1,275

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in
governmental funds as expenditures. However, those costs are reported
in the Statement of Net Assets and are allocated over their estimated
useful lives as depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities.
The amounts of depreciation expense in the year are as follows:

Capital outlays	\$ 238,544	
Depreciation expense	<u>(101,687)</u>	<u>136,857</u>

Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B) \$ (192,516)

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Proprietary Fund

Year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>School Nutrition</u>
Operating revenue:	
Local sources:	
Charges for services	\$ 55,215
Operating expenses:	
Non-instructional programs:	
Food service operations:	
Salaries	40,036
Benefits	5,805
Services	418
Supplies	<u>56,319</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>102,578</u>
Operating (loss)	<u>(47,363)</u>
Non-operating revenues:	
State sources	1,365
Federal sources	46,220
Interest income	<u>966</u>
	<u>48,551</u>
Change in net assets	1,188
Net assets beginning of year	<u>7,201</u>
Net assets end of year	<u>\$ 8,389</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund

Year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>School Nutrition</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from sale of lunches and breakfasts	\$ 55,215
Cash payments to employees for services	(45,841)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods or services	(52,091)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(42,717)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
State grants received	1,365
Federal grants received	41,533
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>42,898</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	<u>966</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,147
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	<u>6,918</u>
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	<u>\$ 8,065</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating (loss)	\$ (47,363)
Adjustments to reconcile operating profit (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Commodities used	4,687
(Increase) in inventory	(41)
	<u>\$ (42,717)</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at year end to specific assets included on Combined Balance Sheet:	
Current assets:	
Cash	<u>\$ 8,065</u>

Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities:

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the District received federal commodities valued at \$4,687.

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Private Purpose Trusts
	<u>Scholarships</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 48,819
Total assets	<u>48,819</u>
Net Assets	
Reserved for scholarships	<u>48,819</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 48,819</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Private Purpose Trusts <u>Scholarships</u>
Additions:	
Local sources:	
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,462
Total additions	<u>2,462</u>
Deductions:	
Support services:	
Scholarships	<u>2,676</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,676</u>
Change in net assets	(214)
Net assets beginning of year	<u>49,033</u>
Net assets end of year	<u>\$ 48,819</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Alden Community School District is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates public schools for children in grades kindergarten through twelve. Additionally, the District either operates or sponsors summer recreational activities. The geographic area served includes the City of Alden, Iowa, and agricultural area in Hardin and Franklin Counties. The District is governed by a Board of Education whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis. The District has entered into a two way sharing agreement with the Iowa Falls Community School District. See note 7 for additional details.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Alden Community School District has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the District. Alden Community School District has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations - The District participates in a jointly governed organization that provides services to the District but does not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the Hardin County Assessor Conference Board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the District's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources that are imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other nonmajor governmental funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy is used to account for the purchase of equipment and the repairing, remodeling and construction of buildings and land improvements.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities.

The District reports the following major proprietary fund:

The District's proprietary fund is the Enterprise, School Nutrition Fund. This fund is used to account for the food service operations of the District.

The District also reports fiduciary funds which focus on net assets and changes in net assets. the District's fiduciary funds include the following:

The Private Purpose Trust Fund is used to account for assets held by the District under trust agreements which require income earned to be used for scholarship payments.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

The proprietary fund of the District applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's Enterprise Fund is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The District maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the District are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents - The cash balances of most District funds are pooled and invested. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable - Property tax in governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date that the tax asking is certified by the Board of Education. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Education to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the District is required to certify its budget in April of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2006 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2007.

Due From Other Governments - Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories - Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method for purchased items and government commodities. Inventories of proprietary funds are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased or received.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land	\$ 1,000
Buildings	10,000
Improvements other than buildings	10,000
Furniture and equipment:	
School Nutrition Fund equipment	10,000
Other furniture and equipment	10,000

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)</u>
Buildings	50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	5-15 years

Deferred Revenue - Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collectible within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represent the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue consists of unspent grant proceeds as well as property tax receivables and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year-end.

Deferred revenue on the Statement of Net Assets consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Compensated Absences - District employees accumulated a limited amount of earned but unused vacation for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees that have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability is deemed to be immaterial at June 30, 2008.

Fund Balance - In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

Restricted Net Assets - In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

E. Budgeting and Budgetary Control

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2008, expenditures exceeded the amended amount budgeted in the instruction and non-instructional programs functions.

(2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2008 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The District is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Education; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2008, the District had investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust as follows:

	<u>Amortized Cost</u>
Diversified Portfolio	<u>\$785,121</u>

The investments are valued at an amortized cost pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Interest rate risk - The District's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the District.

Credit risk - The investments in the Iowa School Joint Investment Trust were both rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service.

(3) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,000	-	-	1,000
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	147,192	-	-	147,192
Buildings	2,476,816	147,975	-	2,624,791
Furniture and equipment	912,928	90,569	-	1,003,497
Total capital assets being depreciated	3,536,936	238,544	-	3,775,480
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	54,517	7,360	-	61,877
Buildings	1,575,074	52,496	-	1,627,570
Furniture and equipment	749,917	41,831	-	791,748
Total accumulated depreciation	2,379,508	101,687	-	2,481,195
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,157,428	136,857	-	1,294,285
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,158,428</u>	<u>136,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,295,285</u>

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Business type activities:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 27,007	-	-	27,007
Less accumulated depreciation	27,007	-	-	27,007
Business type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:

Student transportation

Unallocated

\$ 83,767

17,920

\$ 101,687

Business Type activities:

Food service operations

\$ -

(4) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The District contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, PO Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.90% of their annual salary and the District is required to contribute 6.05% of annual payroll, for the year ended June 30, 2008. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The District's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$75,249, \$62,416, and \$56,927 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(5) Area Education Agency

The District is required by the Code of Iowa to budget for its share of special education support, media and educational services provided through the area education agency. The District's actual amount for this purpose totaled \$94,518 for year ended June 30, 2008 and is recorded in the General Fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the cash basis financial statements.

(6) Risk Management

Alden Community School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The District assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(7) Sharing Agreement

The District has entered into an agreement with the Iowa Falls Community School District to share students in Grades 6-12. Sixth graders attend Alden while seventh through twelfth graders attend Iowa Falls.

Required Supplementary Information

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Balances -
Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) - All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Fund

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types	Proprietary Fund Type	Total	Budgeted Amounts	Final to Actual Variance
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Original	Final
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 2,082,400	56,181	2,138,581	2,053,927	2,053,927
State sources	1,143,334	1,365	1,144,699	1,141,199	1,141,199
Federal sources	111,773	46,220	157,993	136,000	136,000
Total revenues	3,337,507	103,766	3,441,273	3,331,126	3,331,126
Expenditures:					
Instruction	2,472,380	-	2,472,380	2,008,723	2,223,000
Support services	855,199	-	855,199	1,037,413	911,413
Non-instructional programs	-	102,578	102,578	95,081	95,081
Other expenditures	340,576	-	340,576	307,947	382,947
Total expenditures	3,668,155	102,578	3,770,733	3,449,164	3,612,441
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(330,648)	1,188	(329,460)	(118,038)	(281,315)
Other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(330,648)	1,188	(329,460)	(118,038)	(281,315)
Balance beginning of year	1,247,446	7,201	1,254,647	1,581,754	1,581,754
Balance end of year	\$ 916,798	8,389	925,187	1,463,716	1,300,439

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting

Year ended June 30, 2008

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except Private Purpose Trust and Agency Funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on a GAAP basis.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These four functions are instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenditures. Although the budget document presents function expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not by fund. The Code of Iowa also provides that District expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula. The District amended its budget during the year increasing expenses by \$163,277.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, expenditures exceeded the amended amount budgeted in the instruction and non-instructional programs functions. The District did not exceed the General Fund unspent authorized budget.

Other Supplementary Information

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

June 30, 2008

	Management Levy	Student Activity	Total
Assets			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 13,089	18,761	31,850
Property tax receivable:			
Current year	532	-	532
Succeeding year	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 53,621</u>	<u>18,761</u>	<u>72,382</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance			
Liabilities:			
Deferred revenue:			
Succeeding year property tax	\$ <u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Fund balance:			
Unreserved fund balance	<u>13,621</u>	<u>18,761</u>	<u>32,382</u>
	<u>13,621</u>	<u>18,761</u>	<u>32,382</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 53,621</u>	<u>18,761</u>	<u>72,382</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Management Levy	Student Activity	Total
Revenues:			
Local sources:			
Local taxes	\$ 39,014	-	39,014
Other	5,714	29,992	35,706
State sources	5	-	5
Total revenues	<u>44,733</u>	<u>29,992</u>	<u>74,725</u>
Expenditures:			
Instruction:	-	27,005	27,005
Support services:			
Student support services	5,564	-	5,564
Administration services	2,425	-	2,425
Plant operation and maintenance	<u>68,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,437</u>
Total expenditures	<u>76,426</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>103,431</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(31,693)	2,987	(28,706)
Fund balances beginning of year	<u>45,314</u>	<u>15,774</u>	<u>61,088</u>
Balance end of year	<u>\$ 13,621</u>	<u>18,761</u>	<u>32,382</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Changes in Special Revenue, Student Activity Accounts

Year ended June 30, 2008

Account	Balance Beginning of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance End of Year
NOW Account Interest	\$ 1,281	582	-	1,863
Playground Fundraising	1,542	-	-	1,542
Nurse Special	822	150	30	942
6th Student Council	(384)	548	-	164
6th Grade Activity	576	1,064	1,123	517
Elementary Student Council	1,506	516	1,210	812
Vocal	6	848	1,252	(398)
Instrumental Music	105	-	105	-
Greenhouse	200	-	-	200
Band Resale	(196)	149	188	(235)
Elementary Activity	3,742	23,239	21,611	5,370
Class of 2006	2,228	-	-	2,228
Class of 2007	1,396	-	-	1,396
Class of 2008	861	-	-	861
Class of 2009	143	-	-	143
Vending Machines	(66)	736	756	(86)
Library	2,012	1,000	500	2,512
Fifth Grade Dare Program	-	1,160	230	930
	<u>\$ 15,774</u>	<u>29,992</u>	<u>27,005</u>	<u>18,761</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Changes in Private Purpose Trusts

Year ended June 30, 2008

Account	Balance Beginning of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance End of Year
Hattie Crisp Valedictorian Scholarship	\$ 3,068	22	-	3,090
Burnetta Sibert Salutatorian Scholarship	124	-	124	-
Jean Button American History Scholarship	112	3	115	-
Silke Scholarship	45,729	2,437	2,437	45,729
Total	\$ 49,033	2,462	2,676	48,819

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function
All Governmental Funds

For the Last Four Years

	Modified Accrual Basis			
	2008	2007	2006	2005
Revenues:				
Local sources:				
Local tax	\$ 1,376,466	1,573,026	1,497,734	1,499,897
Tuition	619,961	441,897	373,019	342,727
Other	85,973	108,612	205,764	52,600
State sources	1,143,334	932,536	977,376	917,993
Federal sources	111,773	112,802	142,230	109,004
Total	<u>\$ 3,337,507</u>	<u>3,168,873</u>	<u>3,196,123</u>	<u>2,922,221</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	\$ 2,472,380	2,065,539	1,673,511	1,751,086
Support services:				
Student	41,144	26,845	30,810	48,796
Instructional staff	72,972	85,673	69,239	86,258
Administration	296,468	270,298	262,360	269,584
Operation and maintenance of plant	271,268	215,799	213,961	258,904
Transportation	173,347	169,467	99,311	92,140
Non-instructional programs:				
Food service operations	-	-	5,000	-
Community service and education	-	-	-	525
Other expenditures:				
Facilities acquisition	246,058	261,527	182,679	82,286
AEA flowthrough	94,518	89,683	87,394	87,283
Total	<u>\$ 3,668,155</u>	<u>3,184,831</u>	<u>2,624,265</u>	<u>2,676,862</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

BRUCE D. FRINK

Certified Public Accountant

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
with Government Auditing Standards

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To the Board of Education of
Alden Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alden Community School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Alden Community School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of Alden Community School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Alden Community School District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Alden Community School District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of Alden Community School District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Alden Community School District's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Alden Community School District's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe item 08-I-A is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

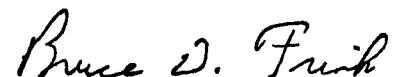
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Alden Community School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the District. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Alden Community School District's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the District's responses, we did not audit Alden Community School District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Alden Community School District and other parties to whom Alden Community School District may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Alden Community School District during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

February 18, 2009

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2008

Part I: Findings Related to the General Purpose Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

08-I-A SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Comment - During our review of the internal control structure, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the District's financial statements. We noted that one individual has custody of receipts and performs all record-keeping and reconciling functions for the office.

Recommendation - We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the District should review the operating procedures of the office to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will review procedures and investigate available alternatives.

Conclusion - Response acknowledged.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

08-II-A Official Depositories - Official depositories have been approved by the District. The maximum deposit amount approved was not exceeded during the year ended June 30, 2008.

08-II-B Certified Budget - Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2008, exceeded the amended certified budget amount in the instruction and non-instructional programs functions.

Recommendation - The certified budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 24.9 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed budget.

Response - Future budgets will be amended in sufficient amounts to ensure the certified budget is not exceeded.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

08-II-C Questionable Expenditures - No expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.

08-II-D Travel Expense - No expenditures of District money for travel expenses of spouses of District officials or employees were noted. No travel advances to District officials or employees were noted.

08-II-E Business Transactions - No business transactions between the District and District officials or employees were noted.

ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2008

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:
(continued):

- 08-II-F Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of District officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 08-II-G Board Minutes - No transactions requiring Board approval which had not been approved by the Board were noted.
- 08-II-H Deposits and Investments - No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the District's investment policy were noted.
- 08-II-I Certified Annual Report - The Certified Annual Report was filed with the Department of Education timely and we noted no significant deficiencies in the amounts reported.
- 08-II-J Certified Enrollment - No variances in the basic enrollment data certified to the Department of Education were noted.